

The CENTRAL STATES Serenade

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Central States District, SPEBSQSA—Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming

SEPTEMBER 1964

OMAHA PROMISES A TIME OF YOUR LIFE!

It's spectacular time again in Central States. October 2-4 we funnel our singing selves into Omaha for the 1964 District Convention and Contest.

Ak-Sar-Ben is Nebraska ala Corrigan, but that's the only thing backward about our Omaha chapter. And from indications we have, they'll have their hands full in taking care of a record number of choruses and quartets.

Headquarters this year is the Sheraton-Fontanelle, and we're assuming that they can take care of all advance registrations themselves. If you're late in making plans there are other good accommodations close to headquarters. All activities take place at the hotel, except contest sessions which will be held in the Music Hall of the Civic Auditorium, just down the street.

Registration opens Friday at 4:00 p.m. At 5:30 the cocktail hour begins and at 6:30 the Meet the Team Banquet will be served. District officers will be on hand, including George Strebler who is a quartet man and deserves our apology for remarks in the last SERENADE. Fish dinners may be ordered and those of you who order tickets for the banquet should indicate if that is your desire.

Judges and Candidates and PROBE members will hold their separate meetings at 8:00 and locations for these sessions will be posted for your arrival information.

The House of Delegates meeting is set for 9:00 and if we can keep up the expedient disposition of district agenda we'll have plenty of time for woodshedding. And if we can't, we'll make plenty of time for woodshedding.

Omaha plans to open the registra-

tion desk at 8:00 Saturday morning, moment of truth day for CSA choruses and quartets. The quartet preliminaries begin at 9:30 a.m. with briefing 30 minutes before that. Bob Stryker will be emcee for the session. He is also general chairman of the contest and may be addressed:

Dr. Robert M. Stryker
1144 South 98th Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68124

After the noon break, the Chorus Contest begins at 2:00, briefing at 1:30. To many barbershoppers this is the highlight of the harmony year. Whether your chorus be 20 or 70, in number and average age, you'll get a bang and a boost from entry in this competition. The HARMONY HAWKS of Cedar Rapids will be there to defend their laurels and they'll have some defending to do.

The evening show begins at 8:00 with the quartet finals, and later in the program the successors to the HI CHORDS' title will be announced. We expect to see all sections of the district represented, and all have up-and-coming quartets that could make it. Be there to raise thunder when your chapter or area quartets are announced. A lot of fellows spend a lot of hours getting ready for this, and they make it the great show it is.

As an added attraction to this show we'll be presenting the award for the Bulletin of the Year from the stage. If your chapter publishes a bulletin it could be they'll be naming your paper and editor. And if you don't win, well there's next year and the one after that.

After the big one we return to the hotel for the afterglow, and its makes-

you-want-to-stay-up-all-night music. And if you go for woodshedding this is the night to belt until the sun comes up over the Big Muddy.

If you blend this with a good cornfed steak, or a hamburger, a reunion with old friends, the making of new ones, and the general glow, you have a recipe for the time of your life.

It's our favorite recipe and we hope it's yours too. You'll find a schedule and information on tickets and reservations elsewhere in this issue. If you haven't done so, order your ingredients now. There are good seats available and good accommodations to be had. Let's put your name on some of them along with your family. We respect them, you know, and we put on shows that your kids can enjoy.

So get your orders off today. Don't forget to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Watch the mail for your passport to the time of your life. And remember, it's Central Standard Time.

CHRISTENING AT BETHANY

The NORTHWEST MISSOURI Chapter has adopted a new name. Hereafter, they'll be known as the GRAND RIVER BASIN AIRES. Bethany members chose the name from the several suggestions on which they voted.

OUR NEWLY REGISTERED QUARTETS

CHORD HUSKERS..... FORT DODGE &
KOSSUTH COUNTY
DE-CHORDERS..... DECORAH

DOMINOS BAILED OUT

Topeka's DOMINOS, whose parade docket is mushrooming, had a close call earlier this summer.

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WASELCHUK TO OMAHA

Dan Waselchuk, International President, is to be the official representative to our District Convention in Omaha. His successor, Al Smith, was at Davenport last Spring.

Dan's from Green Bay, Wisconsin, and through a succession of chapter, district, and international official responsibilities has found time to sing bass in two quartets. In the workaday world he is affiliated with a paper company.

Come to Omaha and make it a point to shake Dan's hand. But don't pull out the pictures of your kids. You won't stand a chance; Dan and his wife, Patricia, have eight.

HELP WANTED: MALE: Three positions to be filled—bulletin editor, public relations officer, judge. Must be willing to give much time and have thick hide. If interested in first two unpaid jobs, or in improving operation of existing position, apply at PROBE meeting, October 2, 8:00 p.m., Sheraton Fontanelle Hotel, Omaha. Aspirants to judgeship and those in candidacy for such spot, apply same location, same time, but to Judges Meeting. If plan to attend latter, please advise Herb Wall, P. O. Box 1416, SSS, Springfield, Missouri, so we may check your credit rating. Do not send snapshot.

SUMMER PICNICKING, SUMMER NOT

LONGMONT barbershopped closed out August with a picnic at Zumwinkel Canyon. Someone should write a song about that place.....Hi did.....Singing on the BOULDER Chautauqua program were the DENVAIRS, HI CHORDS,

HI-LANDERS, and TIMBERLINERS. The chapter show is set for November 7.....Cab Calloway's annual fish fry for ST. LOUIS #1 chapter was held on Labor Day at his "Harmony Harbor" in Foley. John Nilhas is getting around again. The Gay Nineties Party for the chapter was a hit with hot tamales the fare on a cool, cool night.....Commuter Bob Frankenfeld was named BOTY by the PONY EXPRESSMEN OF ST. JOSEPH. Harvey Parker made the presentation at the picnic. And the PX crew is mighty happy about the SIDE-WINDERS' success. They're booked for their Spring Parade.....WICHITA's show was great one in all respects, and they celebrated with a swim party for members and wives, followed by a buffet dinner.....SHELDON barbershoppers picnicked at Rock Rapids. The CHORDMASTERS Chorus has the Fall Corn Show on its September schedule.....ST. LOUIS SUBURBAN's mid-August barbecue drew from the whole area, and that's a lot of singers. The "No Fishin'" excursion to Meramec was again music 'round the clock with the KEY PICKERS drawing whistles in their Gay 90's swim suits.....IBM Merle Dickinson will never live down his biggest goof. Seems he was to be a guest conductor of the KOSSUTH COUNTY Chorus at a show, and forgot. You can imagine the consequences for yourself. On August 26 the tape of the 1963 International was played at guest night in Algona..... August 23 was guest night at Iowa City, the picnic September 13. The guest night brought out 23 prospects. Bill Olney led his flight in the CSA Golf Tournament----COLORADO SPRINGS has a new crew, the Down our Way Quartet. We hope to be using all capitals, after they're registered, on their name soon.....The HEART OF AMERICA picnic coincided with a District Board Meeting and members were guests. And when you have the CSDO's you have woodshedding. They have 8 members whose combined years of service, and they have SERVED, comes to 186 years.....TOPEKA visited the Kansas Citizens August 25. A week earlier they sang at the Topeka State Hospital. Greg Lyne's the new Program Veep and the fellows now have a bowling team.....MILEHI's Red Rocks Show last month paraded a lot of talent. Chuck Norviel had a Rocky Mountain Chorus that filled his view. Besides

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They appeared on the Boulder show and Sunday morning hitched a ride to Denver with Paul Cracraft to catch the train home. But their funds were almost entirely in the check for the Boulder show and ticket agents have an aversion to cashing checks for strange kids early on a Sunday.

Paul, Boulder's bulletin editor, had the better part of \$10 with him—not much help. But Mrs. Cracraft and Swede Martinson were phoned and arranged a shuttle service in Swede's unarmored car to rush the cash to Denver. There was little hope of their making it on time so Paul got on his knees and managed to get the cooperative agent to take his personal check.

The DOMINOS made the train, Paul toasted their departure, Mrs. Cracraft got back to her biscuits, and Swede, bushed after the four o'clock afterglow closing, got back to his sack.

area quartets the talent also included the NIGHTHAWKS and MERRY MUGS. Swede Martinson was the man with the mike. The Denver chorus earlier did a benefit show to help send the Gold Sash Band to the World's Fair....In LINCOLN the LINC-TONES have been making the county fair circuit and the MELLO-LADS have been serving barbershop to industrial meetings.... NOJOCO and SOUTHTOWN have finished their joint meetings. It worked out well for the summer. The Johnson County picnic produced quite a few horseshoe blisters....The AK-SARBEN picnic was July 26. The chorus show at Peony Park was fine summer stimulant for everyone....The RIVER CITY CHORUS and NOVATONES appeared on the community band concert series at Mason City. The guys from Hampton fixed the ASTRO-NAUGHTS up with a good luck charm for San Antonio, a blown tire from an airplane that had delayed their flight to Davenport. The currency stuffing came in handy for the long trip.... DAVENPORT's picnic was pot-luck. They have an area pickup quartet contest due there September 17....BUENA VISTA motored to SHELDON in July for an inter-chapter ball....The Plains Hotel will be headquarters for CHEYENNE's Regional Quartet Preliminary Contest next Spring....The DES MOINAIRES also blessed a band concert. They'll picnic September 19 at Riverview Park....A SERENADE of thanks to the bulletin editors of the district who keep this information coming to us.

CENTRAL STATES CHARITY COUNT

FOREST CITY gave \$50 to AFC and \$25 to the summer playground fund\$700 of BURLINGTON's show receipts went to the Hope Haven school building fund.....The annual DES MOINES contribution to the YMCA Boys' Home at Johnson was \$1000.... The Institute of Logopedics, our Society charity project, received \$325 from the local WICHITA chapter....And in a surprise reversal the owner of the club where DAVENPORT barbershoppers close out their meeting nights gave the chapter a check for \$100. He said it was in appreciation for their impromptu music.

OMAHA DISTRICT CONTEST SCHEDULE October 2-4

Friday
4:00 Registration officially opens . . . Lobby
5:30 Cocktail Hour . . . Sheraton North
6:30 Meet the Team Dinner . . . Sheraton South
8:00 PROBE Meeting
8:00 Judges' & Candidates' Meeting
9:00 District House of Delegates Meeting
Forum Room
Saturday
8:00 Registration Desk Opens . . . Lobby
9:00 Quartet Briefing . . . Music Hall
9:30 Quartet Preliminary Contest . . . Music Hall
1:30 Chorus Briefing . . . Music Hall
2:00 Chorus Contest . . . Music Hall
8:00 Quartet Finals and Evening Show
Music Hall
11:00 Afterglow . . . Hotel Ballroom
Sunday
8:00 Chorus and Quartet Critiques . . . Sheraton South

EVAN QUARTET RETIRES

The Society regretfully acknowledges the retirement of the EVANS QUARTET, International Champions who hoofed and harmonized their contagious song-and-dance routines from Atlantic to Pacific. They made many CSA shows.

The SERENADE and all CSA add their thanks for services rendered and their disappointment at the news.

JOE STERN RECUPERATING

Joe Stern, whose barbershop credits are too many to list, underwent a successful major surgery last month and is back to part time work. He was hospitalized about two weeks.

STEW MAKES THE CREW

Stew Vaughn, District PR Chairman and editor of the PONY EXPRESS WRITER, was elected a Vice President of PROBE at the annual meeting in San Antonio. He's also a past editor of the SERENADE.

We congratulate Stew on his office and PROBE members on their wisdom.

TICKETS FOR BOSTON AVAILABLE

Our last word was that there were good ticket books available for the International Convention, June 22-26, in Boston. But if you plan to take in the 1965 contest it would be wise to get your ticket order off to Kenosha as soon as you can.

This is a fine vacation opportunity for those of us who enjoy our traveling, our patriotism, and our barbershopping. But remember, you'll need tickets to get in.

PARADE SCHEDULE

Your chapter editor, or president if there is no chapter publication, is to receive monthly a schedule of upcoming chapter shows. The information includes, where known, locations, ticket dope, and quartets.

Send us the information on your parade and we'll get it to all chapters as a service to you.

TICKETS AND RESERVATIONS FOR OMAHA

TICKETS: Meet the Team Banquet, Friday night, \$3.25 per ticket, must be ordered in advance. \$1.00 ticket admits holder to both morning and afternoon sessions Saturday. Afterglow tickets for Saturday night are \$1.00 each. Advance orders for all above tickets should be sent to Jon Ellis, 5115 Blondo Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68104. Checks should be made payable to SPEBSQSA. Please state clearly what tickets you want.

Tickets for Saturday night finals and show: \$2.50 for first floor, \$2.00 for first balcony, \$1.00 for second balcony. Send advance orders, indicating the numbers of seats you wish and the price of each, to Auditorium Box Office, 18th & Capitol, Omaha, Nebraska 68102. Enclosed checks or money orders should be made payable to SPEBSQSA.

RESERVATIONS: Send requests to Sheraton-Fontanelle Hotel, 18th and Douglas Streets, Omaha, Nebraska 68102. Indicate approximate arrival and departure, state that you are a barbershopper, and, if you want, indicate your preference of room cost. These are as follows:

Double for Two
\$10, 11.50, 12.50 and 13.50
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DENISON GETS LICENSE

A new licensed chapter has been organized at Denison, Iowa. This is our fifth licensed chapter and we're counting on one, Kirkwood, to charter into full-fledged status soon.

OF SQUIRRELS AND ACORNS (A Fable in Two Acts)

A little known pagan theory of evolution is that animal life began with squirrels in an area vegetated by only oak trees. It was truly a squirrels' paradise; the only problem was communication. To solve this they divided into the chatters, the drummers, the firemakers, and the singers.

Charley Squirrel was chief of the singers and his was a very popular group. It grew so large that soon they divided themselves into groups, Charley Squirrel A, Charley Squirrel B, etc.

The clan Charley Squirrel A was the largest, both in area and population. Everyone pitched in 2½ acorns a year and they were able to build large nests for their singing get-togethers. As they prospered, the clans Charley Squirrel B, C, and D decided that if this was so good they'd get 5 or 6 acorns from everyone. This they did and they built bigger nests and brought in special singing instructors. In a relatively short time CSB, CSC, and CSD had more squirrels than CSA and the leaders of CSA found more of their singers joining the chatters and the drummers.

So they took stock. They found they still had the biggest area. That made it harder to get their sergeants together. In fact they rarely saw some of them. They too wanted to improve

their singing. So they dipped into their surplus acorns and established a sergeants' school. And they held seminars for their song leaders. But soon the surplus acorns were gone.

They knew the only way to maintain the strength of CSA was to get more acorns. They also knew their members had to put out acorns for rafts, schools, church, and other expenses. But each family of squirrels got thousands of acorns each year. So, they reasoned, since communication is so important, we'll ask each squirrel for five acorns. We won't tell them, we'll ask them. Counting Charley Squirrel Headquarters and their tree family dues it could come to over twenty acorns a year, and some of them will raise the dickens, but the chatters and drummers get a lot more than that and don't offer the squirrels as much fun.

So it was decided that CSA should have a great meeting and ask each sergeant to send a representative to express the opinion of his group.
(To be continued Friday, October 2)

CENTRAL STATESMEN OF NOTE

WYOMING: Otto Dahl.
SOUTH DAKOTA: Pierce Brane, Russell Poppens, Terry Roisum.
NEBRASKA: Clay Higginson, Bob Stryker.
MISSOURI: L. H. Bellis, Ray Donaldson, Ed Donelson, Gene English, Bob Frankendorf, Dick Giesecking, Jim Hazel, Paul Hunt, Harold Neumann, Joe Palmier, Walt Portmann, G. F. Scamahorn, Al Schoeld, Ray Scott, Max Waterman.
KANSAS: Larry Booker, Jack Burwell, Walt Crum, Jim Stone, Bob White.
IOWA: Jim Butler, Lloyd Cashman, Ken DeMirjean, Fred Dorheim, Gerald Foster, Ken Hagen, Bud Held, Glen Jablonski, George Kampling, Dean Kruse, Wayne Lawhorn, Clarence Moad, Don Mortvedt, Bill Olney (2), Lyle Peterson, Doc Potter, Ed Proudfoot, Don Reisetter, Ed Rudi, Al Scheetz, F. L. Timmins, Wayne Vander-Schaaf, Gordon Webster.
COLORADO: James Parker, Harry Morton, Dr. Herbert E. Thompson.

CONTEST LOCATION

MUSIC HALL IS AT 18TH & CAPITOL STREETS: ALL OTHER ABOVE LISTED ACTIVITIES AT SHERATON-FONTANELLE HOTEL, 18TH AND DOUGLAS STREETS.

IMPORTANT: READ THIS PROPOSAL TO BE VOTED ON

For many years CSA was the number one District in total membership. But then the newness wore off and everyone took for granted that the membership would rebound, but this proved to be foolish thinking. The operation of your District is big business and requires financial support from every chapter member if the District is to render proper guidance to her chapters - an obligation that dare not be performed in a haphazard manner. Your District Officers have determined it necessary to ask for an increase in the per capita dues from the present \$2.50 per member to \$5.00 per member. Subject to the approval of a majority of the District House of Delegates meeting in Omaha, October 2nd, 1964, the increased per capita dues would become effective January 1, 1965.